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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC 1. Soviet Maneuvers near RAUEN

2. Observations made in FUERSTENWALDE

EVALUATION see below

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1 to 7 July 1949

1. a. Maneuvers involving Soviet tank, engineer and infantry units were started in the area of RAUEN (N 53/V 23) early in July 1949. Troop training in the construction of positions was especially stressed.
- b. The kasernes of FUERSTENWALDE (N 53/V 33) were only lightly occupied at that time.

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2. According to information obtained on 11 July 1949, Soviet tank units have been conducting large-scale maneuvers in the RAUEN

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Hills near FUERSTENWALDE since early July 1949. The troops, who practiced almost exclusively at night, were said to have come from WUENSDORF (N 53/2 91) and JUETERBOG (N 52/E 69).* **

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a. Previous report stating that maneuvers were to start in the area south and southwest of FUERSTENWALDE after the beginning of July 1949 were confirmed by the above report. Although it is not yet definitely known, it is considered possible that the maneuvers near FUERSTENWALDE may have been linked with the field exercises held in the LIEBEROSE area by component units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre).

* b. Source's allegation that the practicing troops came from WUENSDORF and JUETERBOG is considered incredible, since it has not been learned that troops from WUENSDORF and JUETERBOG moved to the training area.

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The entire Kauen Hills area was cordoned off by sentries. All approach roads were blocked to civilian traffic. Damage to these roads was repaired by residents of the neighboring villages and by road-construction workers who had to report for work every morning at 4 a.m.

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